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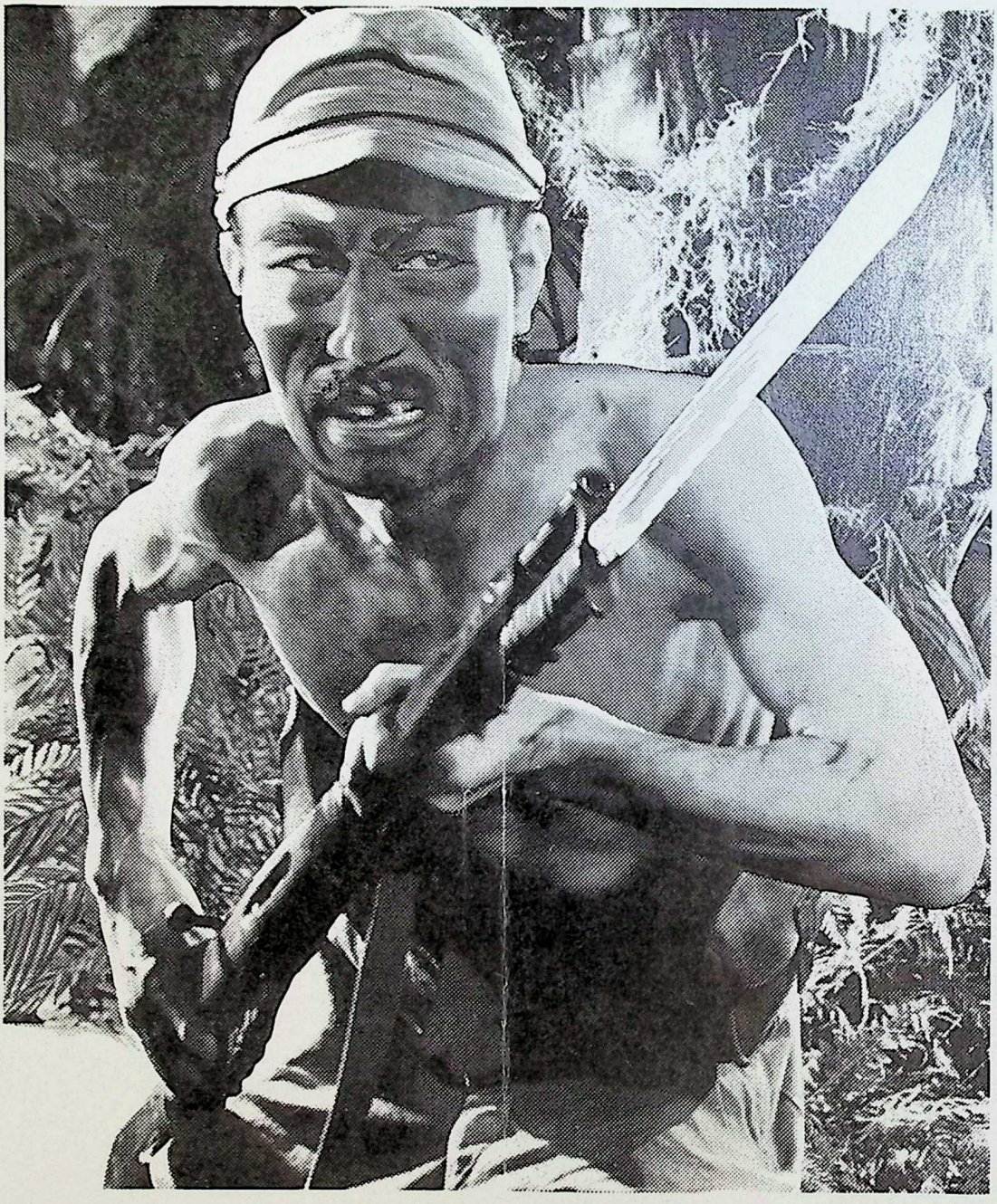

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EDITORIAL

The Question Before the House Is—

Members of YDVA have had World War II brought home to them more forcibly than ever as a result of a letter which appeared in YANKEE DOINGS last month. Written to us by a captain in the new Yankee Division it posed this simple question: "Hey, fellers, we, of the new YD are proud of that shoulder patch, prouder still of the glorious history of our famous division and we want to join YDVA to perpetuate our love of the best outfit in the USA. Can we join?"

That, my comrades of Seicheprey, St. Mihiel, Chateau Thierry, the Argonne and a hundred other scraps, is what the lads who held the line with Patton when Runstedt made his bid, who held that bloody outpost at Bastoigne, are asking you.

We know that the old traditions have been a bulwark mighty indeed to the lads when they first went in but it has taken guts, and plenty of it to fight an enemy who may hit you above, behind, before or on either flank. Yes, even underneath because that's where they sewed land mines by the thousands.

Every one of us knows what the Vosge mountain region is like in the winter time, we don't have to imagine it.

Is it too much to say that these boys of ours who wear the YD should not have had to ask?

If it's from the Continental ----- *It's Dependable*

The CONTINENTAL

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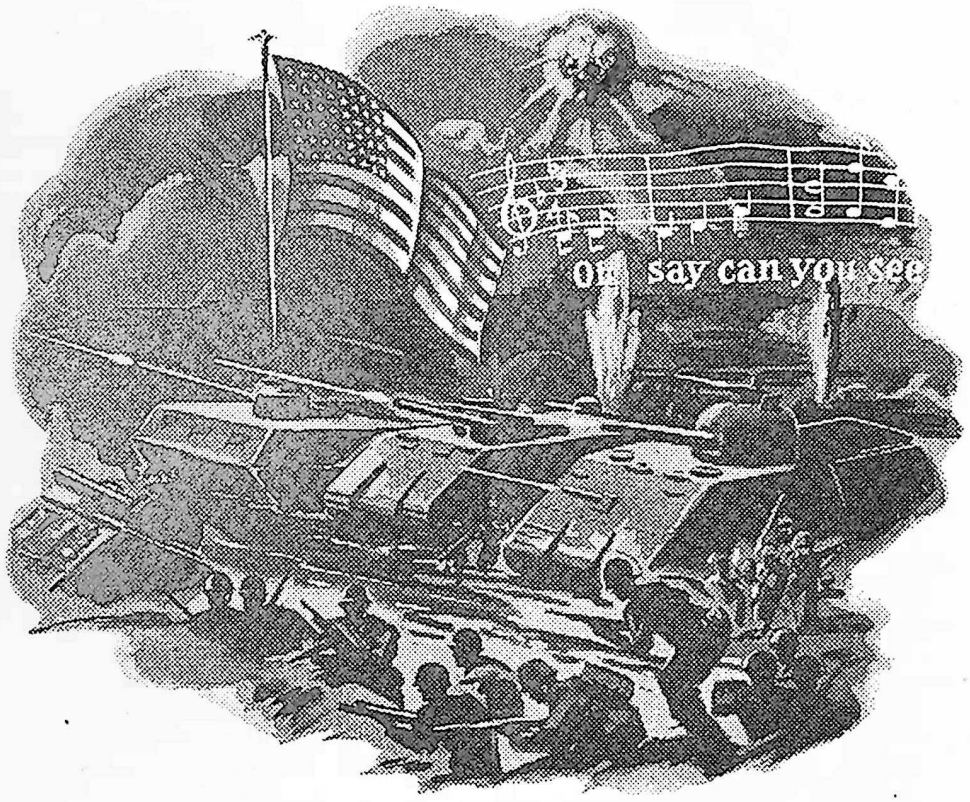

"Let us strive, too, for
a Valiant and Victorious
Nineteen Forty-five"

STEIN BLOCH CLOTHES - STETSON HATS - MANHATTAN SHIRTS

THE KIDS

By PATRICK HEALEY

Commander, New London Chapter

After reading the last issue of the "DOINGS" I feel something should be done in regards to the kids in the Yankee Division of World War II.

There's no question in my mind but the YD of World War I are mighty proud of the great record they achieved in their day and there are a great many fond memories attached to our old division.

When we recall such names as "Daddy" Edwards, Gen. Cole, Col. Logan, Dunn, Mickey Perkins, Len Maloney and Phil Sanborn and many more such men we feel that we were the old YD and the only real outfit in World War I.

When we were doing our stuff we were all kids and YD was just in bloom. After we made the name YD, the most outstanding name in the A.E.F. we returned to a new life, settled down, got married and had kids that sat around and listened to the stories we told over a bottle or at a party about Chemin-des-Dames, Toul, Neufchateau, Ball-on-a-Moose, Liffol le Grand, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne.

Little did we realize that the kids that were playing on the floor were listening and taking in every word that was spoken and were very much interested in what we said, and every word sunk deep in their brain and engraved in their heart.

Little did we know that those same kids would today be in the same towns, drinking the same liquor, sleeping in the same billets and fighting the same gang that we thought we licked years ago.

Little did we know that a new YD was being born in the hearts of those kids.

Today those same kids are fighting just as we did only they have a bigger fight on their hands, with better fighting machinery against them and the heritage of the insignia of the YD on their shoulder.

They know that the YD on their shoulder means the best division in World War I and they are fighting, bleeding and dying to protect the name of the YD, so when the war is over and they return victorious to the land they love, they can proudly say, "Gang, we were the best outfit in World War II, and here's our record to prove it."

We didn't have the heroes you had in your day but we know they were with us to guide us along the path. We have some new heroes and we would like to have their names engraved on your honor roll.

When I hear over the air or read in the press that the 26th Division saved the day here and there, and are advancing and are stopping all the enemy throws at them, I feel mighty proud of those kids and realize what they are going through.

When I receive letters from these kids and they say they are proud to be in the YD, I wonder if the old gang are giving them a "break."

I think the best gift we could give them to show our appreciation is to let the bars down and accept them in our association as members of the YD. I believe in justice to those kids for their loyalty to us old timers and to the old YD, that we open our hearts and our organization to them.

What do you think, Gang? ?

Famous for Fine Foods

THE

Gateway Restaurant

One of Boston's Oldest

SOUTH STATION

The Gateway to the Beautiful North Shore

HOTEL

EDISON

Bank Square

LYNN, MASS.

All Outside Rooms

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WENT A. W. O. L. TO GET INTO THE YANKEE DIVISION

Rejected Once, 43-Year-Old Pvt. Swanson of Charlestown Hitched Around Europe — Picked Up as a Spy — Finally Found Old Outfit He and Father Served In

(Reprint from the Boston Globe)

With the 26th Infantry Division, Luxembourg, Jan. 12 (AP) — Pvt. Samuel Swanson fought beside his father in the 26th Division in the first World War and was determined to fight with the outfit again.

Swanson, 43, whose mother lives at Charlestown, Mass., toured five countries and was a semi-permanent guest of seven reinforcement centers in his campaign to get with the division.

Months ago, when Swanson tried to enlist, he was rejected. The Army changed its mind later and sent him to Iceland with a noncombat outfit.

Swanson didn't like the deal and finally got transferred to the European theatre of operations. But ETO officers would not classify him for combat.

For six months, he bounded from one reinforcement depot to another. Finally he ran into some GI's from the 26th Division, asked a few questions, studied maps and took off — A. W. O. L. The M. P.'s picked him up in Paris for not having a pass.

Swanson told them he was from the 101st Field Artillery, 26th Division. The police put Swanson on a truck headed for the 26th Division area. He arrived during one of the worst shellings the division has ever undergone. In the confusion, he was mistaken for someone else and assigned to a wire repair team.

He was not detected for two weeks and then a note arrived from the M. P.'s in Paris telling of a German prisoner of war, dressed in American uniform.

Swanson was taken to the division prison cage and questioned by intelligence officers. He finally got a clean bill of health by convincing them that he had lived for 40 years near the Bunker Hill Monument in Boston and that his father was vice president of the Spanish War Veterans and one of the founders of the American Legion.

Swanson now is a member in good standing of the 26th, the old Yankee Division.

Sam Swanson Began Exciting Career at 15

Samuel A. Swanson, the man who served in World War I with the Yankee Division at his father's side and is again at the front with the YD, is a member of one of Charlestown's most prominent families. His father, Dennis J. Swanson, is custodian of the Municipal Building at Bunker Hill and Lexington sts., and his sister is the wife of William J. Galvin, superintendent of markets for the city of Boston.

Samuel, called "Al" by his mother because she "never like the name of Samuel," had led an adventurous life ever since he ran away from home at the age of 15 and made a transatlantic voyage. He and a chum shipped as coal passers aboard a British vessel out of New York after expressing a desire to get to England, where they planned to join the British Army and fight the Germans in 1916. The United States Government intervened because of their youth and the boys were given passage home.

"Al" was graduated from the Frothingham Grammar School in Charlestown and was attending Charlestown High School when he again left home to fight with the United States Army at the Mexican border. He was still in his early 'teens when he enlisted in the Army in World War I.

The father of the man serving in the present war was a veteran of the Spanish-American War. The father served overseas with YD in World War I and met up with his son, "Al," at Chateau-Thierry. The father has served in the past as chief of staff at the Bunker Hill Day parade and young "Al" was chief marshal in 1930, having been appointed by the then Mayor James M. Curley.

Both the father and son suffered gas attacks in World War I, the father also suffered internal injuries.

Between the wars, "Al" worked at various occupations including clerical work for the Boston Housing Commission and sailed on an oil tanker. He served a stretch as a civilian construction worker at Newfoundland bases of the Allied Governments.

He enlisted in the Army shortly after Pearl Harbor only to be discharged after the Presidential order against those over 38 years. He was out a month and re-enlisted, serving in Iceland.

The last communication received by his parents was early in December. This news, brought by a Globe reporter, was joyous tidings for his mother and father in their first floor apartment at 49 Monument sq. The elder Swanson is confined to his bed, having undergone a major operation recently at Boston City Hospital. The father is a native of Charlestown. Mrs. Swanson is the former Ellen M. Fernald and was born in Somerville.

MEMBERSHIP

By JOHN W. DUNLAP

NATIONAL COMMANDER

Looking over the membership standing it is gratifying to note the splendid job done by the officers and members of the various chapters during this year. I congratulate every one and wish to say you have carried on in a grand YD spirit.

At this time of year election of State Department and Chapter officers will be taking place. It has been my privilege recently to attend some of the chapter installations. The newly elected officers will, I know, wish to equal, if not exceed the results obtained by their predecessor in building up and maintaining a YD Chapter in his own locality, which can be a strong part of the community, state and nation.

There is and will be many duties to carry through, not only today but for the years that follow. I will not go into detail here, as each community has its own problems and knows best how to solve them. However, if the YD Chapters will start off immediately on a membership campaign, and I mean a concentrated one, in collecting the re-ups and signing up new members, your chapter will function and develop that grand YD comradeship of its members as only YD men know.

Our total membership as of January 1, 1945 was 4167. If we could have that number paid up on May 1, 1945, just think what it would mean to the state and chapter commanders to be able to give such a report at the annual meeting and also to the newly elected National Commander.

There is no reason why it cannot be done if every member will see to it that his dues are paid promptly and on time, so don't wait for some one to contact you, pay your dues to your chapter at once.

As you read the news accounts of the 26th Infantry Division and how it is carrying on with the same spirit and fight in this war as the YD did in World War I, every veteran of the Yankee Division of 1917-1918 should feel it his honor, privilege and duty to be a member of the Y. D. V. A.

The young Nazis are learning the same lesson with regret that their Boche fathers did. The present 26th Division is a tough, rugged, fighting unit, under the leadership of Major General W. S. Paul and their record under General Patton's 3rd Army speaks for itself. Our best wishes go to the officers and men of the new division for their continued success against the enemy.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

*Comparison of 1944-1945

1944		1943
	DEPT. OF ME.	
34	Cumberland	39
2	Farmington	2
52	Lewiston	41
40	Waterville	39
23	At Large	28
150		149
	DEPT. OF N. H.	
7	Concord	6
2	Franklin	3
9	Keene	14
66	Manchester	44
41	Nashua	42
10	Rochester	11
25	Triangle	21
11	At Large	8
171		149
	DEPT. OF VT.	
25	Brattleboro	29
1	Burlington	0
28	Montpelier-Barre	22
44	Rutland	17
2	St. Albans	12
8	Morrisville	9
8	At Large	7
116		96
	DEPT. OF MASS.	
37	Beverly	36
551	Boston	548
57	Concord	50
9	Brockton	10
42	Danvers	42
145	Fitchburg	137
4	Foxboro	8
51	Haverhill	47
7	Holyoke	4
15	Lawrence	25
25	Lowell	10
248	Lynn	260
20	Marlboro	22
44	Milford	39
75	New Bedford	89
35	Reading	26
41	Salem	17
109	Springfield	127
180	Worcester	154
66	At Large	57
1762		1708
	DEPT. OF R. I.	
119	Apremont	114
26	Kent County	28
250	Providence	215
1	At Large	1
396		358
	DEPT. OF CONN.	
47	Bridgeport	36
115	Bristol	112
255	Hartford	237
65	Manchester	51
84	Meriden	81
25	Middletown	24
38	New Britain	57
245	New Haven	182
17	New London	21
26	Norwalk	24
36	Stamford	35
26	Torrington	3
10	Valley	19
22	Wallingford	16
15	Waterbury	15
52	Willimantic	54
30	Groton-Stonington	29
1	At Large	2
1111		996
	DEPT. OF U. S.	
26	Chicago	15
39	Cleveland	41
11	Denver	13
23	Detroit	26
18	Los Angeles	16
154	New York	164
24	Philadelphia	28
31	Washington	28
37	Life Members	37
95	At Large	95
4165		3886

*Note. Comparison is Jan. 31 each year.

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ADVERTISE IN DOINGS

WORCESTER CHAPTER NOW HAS ITS OWN QUARTERS

Worcester Chapter's New Home

Headquarters, Worcester Chapter, Y.D.V.A., Inc., Clubhouse, 839 Main St. Notice that address you guys this is our permanent quarters. There has been nothing in the DOINGS for the last month from this locality, but make no mistake we have been busy. We now have our own home, but more about that later.

Service work in this chapter has been rather nil, but membership, well that speaks for itself as far as JVC. Acky Johnson says; we have now reached the largest that this chapter has ever had since being connected to the National organization, 180 and more to come. If this membership contest is figured on a percentage basis of four years past we are making very good progress for the trophy, although this $1 for two months dues is a sort of a draw back, (especially when you can get 12 months for only $2).

Well now about the home. The place we have is a fourteen room house, setting on the corner of Main and Hammond Sts. Three rooms and a large kitchen and an office on the first floor, four rooms on the second floor and five rooms on the third floor, and a large barn in the rear of the house. When we get things rolling we will have a passage way from the back of the house to the barn where we will have all of our meetings and any socials that we may plan. (Who knows we may start off with a good old-fashioned Barn Dance.) It is planned to have reading rooms for both men and women on the first floor. The Chapter office will be located on the first floor, and the kitchen may be used at anytime.

The second floor will have one room for the House Committee and Executive Committee meetings and the other three rooms will be set aside for the three regiments that left the city during World War I, namely one for the 102nd F.A.; one for the 104th Inf., and one for the 101st Inf. These rooms to be cleaned up and taken care of by the respective organizations, also to furnish whatever furniture and decorations are necessary.

The third floor will have one room where we will have a pool table and another room for cards, the other three rooms will be set aside for the caretaker who will be given his room, lights and heat free for taking care of the building. There have been several applications for one position of caretaker, but they are being investigated thoroughly before any decision is made. Thanks to the untiring effort on the part of PC. Fred A. Jones, we have been able to get started on our quest for permanent quarters.

The make up of the House Committee is as follows: PC. Fred A. Jones, Chairman, 5 years; Maj. Edward S. Bird, 4 years; PC. Eugene S. Gilliam, 3 years; Thomas E. Frazier, 2 years, and Edward L. Robinson, 1 year. Each year thereafter one man will be elected for 5 years. The functions that this chapter will hold in the future are slowly taking form, so that soon you will be able to know what we are doing and when.

We are now going back to our old form of meetings the first Thursday will be regular meeting night, and the third Thursday will be our social evening. Later on it is to be planned to have more entertainment on the social night.

All of the members that have a few minutes off are coming up to the house to put in a few hours work, such as cleaning up the walls, floors and ceilings. Any time that you want anything done call Eddie Racicot. I thought that he was only a chef as he always took care of refreshments at the meetings, but since we have been here he has been a plumber, wall tearer-outer, paper hanger, plasterer or any other job that you might have to do. I guess that is why it pays to be an old soldier of the old cavalry days, they know everything.

YD SONS IN THE SERVICE

P.F.C. RICHARD D. BARRY
Co. L, 101st Infantry
26th Infantry Division

JOHN, RICHARD MEET NEAR METZ, FRANCE

Sons of
John E. Barry
Battery F, 101st F.A.

SGT. JOHN E. BARRY
Signal Corps, U. S. Army

STANWOOD L. PERKINS
Radar Operator on a
Destroyer Escort
Son of
Perley C. Perkins
Co. H, 103rd Infantry

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WILMOT P. MURRAY
M.M. 3/c, U.S.N., L.S.T.
Son of
Harold K. Murray
Co. H, 101st Inf.

FIVE SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER OF THE NEW HAVEN YD

CPL. SHIRLEY M. BRADLEY
WAC Detachment
2nd Bomber Division, England
Daughter of
Ellis G. Bradley
102nd Field Hospital

ELLIS BRADLEY, JR.
E.M. 3/c, U.S.N.,
Armed Guard Center
Son of
Ellis G. Bradley
102nd Field Hospital

SGT. GEORGE M. TALBOT
Marine Air Arm
Son of
Lt. Col. George K. Talbot
103rd Infantry and Now Serving with
the 5th Embarkation Port
A.P.O. No. 506, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

S/SGT. FRANCIS J. CUMMINGS
D.F.C. and A.M. with 3 Oak Leaf
Clusters, Army Air Corps
Son of
Frank J. Cummings
C. de G. and D.S.C.
Hdq. Co., 102nd Infantry

GEORGE E. KING
F. 2/c, NTS, Purdue Univ.
Son of
John A. King
Co. F, 102nd Infantry

PVT. ARTHUR H. CHARBONEAU
Camp Blanding
Son of
Raymond F. Charboneau
Co. C, 102nd Infantry

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER HOST TO MEN IN SERVICE

Four hundred and fifty servicemen from Westover Field, Bradley Field, and the Springfield Naval Convalescent Hospital, were guests of the Springfield Chapter at the Hotel Highland, Saturday evening, Dec. 23, 1944.

Festivities for the evening began with a full course Turkey Dinner served promptly at 7 o'clock. Between the several dinner courses, the very charming Margaret Hill led the group in community singing.

Following the dinner, Chairman Dennis J. Brunton presented the following distinguished guests: Senior Chaplain of our own Yankee Division and a charter member of Springfield Chapter, Rev. George S. L. Connor, chairman of the West Springfield Board of Selectmen Henry S. Johnson. Next Chairman Brunton presented another member of Springfield Chapter who is now with the armed forces, Maj. Connell T. Albertini. Incidentally Major Albertini is in the air corps and traveled all the way from Alabama to be with us for this occasion. Each of the distinguished guests gave a very inspiring talk.

"The Home City Melodiers" put on an excellent singing program of both modern and old-time melodies. Needless to say that this was enjoyed by all those present.

Next on the program was dancing to the music of Jimmie Waldron and his Society Orchestra. Several attractive hostesses in formal attire, were in attendance. Mrs. Dennis J. Brunton acted as chairman for the ladies, and as usual she did a very good job.

One of the most outstanding events of the party was the drawing of 15 lucky numbers which entitled the holders to the privilege of telephoning their folks at any spot in the United States. Perhaps the most interesting call was the one made to California. This serviceman was given a connection to the telephone in a hospital and was given the privilege of talking with his wife, and was informed that they had just been presented with a 7½-pound son.

Each of the servicemen was presented an attractive gift as a memento. A souvenir menu was at each serviceman's place and on the back of the menu was a place for a message home. Practically every boy present took advantage of this opportunity to write home. These messages along with a picture of the party have been mailed by the committee headed by Dennis J. Brunton as chairman assisted by Comrades Roy M. Coons, Benjamin Johnson, Earl Chapman, John Meffen, Harry G. Valentine, Walter F. Gilligan, George R. Norton, Robert J. Beach, L. Mortimer Raine, Francis Seyssel, William L. Fisher, and Rosell F. Patch.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: John W. Dunlap, 65 Market St., Manchester, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

BRATTLEBORO

Just a little hard bitten dirt from this corner of one of the best of these United States. Yup. A little bit late but Brother, that is better than not at all. War time conditions and outside interests do take their toll from any and all Fraternal and Service Organizations. Sure the spirit is there and the willingness to co-operate to the extent of cash money, but the old moral and personal spirit is just a bit lacking, even up to and including this person.

Windham County Chapter got off to a rather late Installation of Officers, but we did have it and the following Officers were installed in the early Fall, at the home of Buddy Al. Pichette, by Past Commander L. F. Barrett: Commander, H. A. Thayer; 1st Vice Commander, Nick Schultz; 2nd Vice Commander, C. F. Langmaid; Treasurer, Leon F. Barnes; Sgt. at Arms, Wm. (Wild Bill) Gilson.

The Installation was preceded by one of the best dinners that this little boy has partaken of in a good many runs to the Chow Cart. Al. Pichette can cook, Brother, and we do not mean perhaps. Al. put on one of the slickest Beef Steak Pie Dinners that any one could ask for with all the trimmings and extras. We all sat and ate and smoked and talked over the coffee cups till about 9.30 and then after sort of K.P.-ing up the place attended to the business in question. Our membership was boosted about 12 members from this meeting also and a Cheer Fund set up for general purposes. We sat and talked and reminisced until a very late hour and went on our several ways.

The January meeting held on the 18th was another hummer and Nick Schultz who recorded in the absence of the regular guy did a swell job. A fine meeting was had and swell eats, of sandwiches, pie, cheese, pickles and all the necessaries, plus Iodine and Vermont Ale right from the spigot.

Word has been received from Russ Sparks who is in it again with those Fighting Seabees.

Windham County Chapter lost a loyal member just recently. Chester "Chet" Lane passed away at the Veterans Facilities in White River Jct., Jan. 16th. Chet was a very loyal worker in Veterans circles in Brattleboro and was very popular and well liked.

To Mrs. Lane and family, we, of Windham County Chapter extend our deepest sympathy.

And so until the next time, this little Chapter says Adieu, and best wishes and luck to all.

J. H. Bastian, (Sec.)

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Emile Thibault, R-16 Chase St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis, 21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

STATE DEPARTMENT

The monthly meeting of the Mass. Dept. was held in the new quarters of the Worcester Chapter, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1945.

Commander Nute of Worcester welcomed the members, and we had a good crowd, even if we did have a snow storm on that day. Congratulations to Comm. Nute and Worcester, you have fine new quarters. Thanks for the fine turnout on this stormy day and the tasty turkey, etc.

Orchids to Jr. V. Comm. Watton, Comrades Hart and J. Dugan of Lawrence and P.C. Meteyer of Haverhill, who travelled all the way from home to attend this meeting, I hope they had a snow plough ahead of them to get back home. What a storm. Fitchburg had a nice delegation, what no snow shovels. Comrade Demers drove me back to the station, I came by train, thanks again, buddies.

Bills for new letter heads and envelopes ordered paid. Treas. Farrell reported $130.63 in treasury, all bills paid. Sec. Davis on sick list, P.S.C. Clyde Elliott pinched hit again as Sec., no wonder Clyde is getting bald, everyone picks on him. That is what happens to a hard worker. Comrade Demers acted as Sgt.-at-Arms.

Committee reports. Comm. Thibault reported that

he had ordered P.C. badges as ordered by meeting in Lawrence — Sr. V. Heftey appointed as chairman of committee to raise fund for Mass. Dept. absent.

Motion made that he send tickets to all chapters.

Fitchburg reported that Installation was to be held Jan. 13, at Elks' Home, Fitchburg. Also will send flag to the Belleau Church, France, to replace old flags. Comrade A. Girard appointed Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

Haverhill reported on installation just held, also sent boxes to boys in service. Lawrence and Salem reported progress. Worcester reported going to town are now in their new quarters, membership 182. P.C. Jones explained to members about the new home. Commander Thibault reported about visits to chapters, also reported that Holyoke was coming back to life again, congratulated Worcester on the fine work they are doing.

President of the 104th Inf. Vets. John Bourgeous was introduced, and he addressed the members. P.C. Jones of the 101st Inf. Vets. was also introduced. We had expected Pres. Bucky Coffey of the 101st Inf. to attend, also Dept. of V.F.W. Charles Frascotti, and Tom Mackey of the American Legion, but perhaps they got snowed in. We hope they will come to Beverly, Feb. 4th, or Lynn, Mar. 4th.

Motion made that Commander Thibault write again to Veterans Administration in favor of Comrade James J. Dugan of Lawrence, and also to request Commanders of 104th Inf., 101st Inf., Dept. of American Legion and V.F.W. to also recommend Comrade Dugan as he is a member of the Legion and V.F.W. Comrade Dugan thanked the Dept. for what they have done in his interest.

Resolutions were read from Concord Chapter and New Bedford chapter, in regard to accepting new YD to join with us. Motion made that the Mass. Dept. do not endorse any resolution pertaining to change in membership in Y.D.V.A.

Question of protection of the name of YD without proper certification by others than men of the YD. Motion made that the Dept. Judge Advocate Clyde Elliot, and Comrade Jones, contact National Judge Advocate in regards to same.

Next meeting, nomination meeting, to be held in Beverly, American Legion home, 2 Monument Sq., Sunday, Feb. 4th. March meeting, election, to be held in Lynn Chapter quarters, 54 Central ave., Lynn. April meeting to be held in Fitchburg, where yours truly will sing his swan song.

— Emile Thibault.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular monthly Smoker for January was held on the third Thursday with more of those interesting movies and as an added attraction we had three First Division Marines just back from the South Pacific. They gave a short talk of their experiences on Guadalcanal and Saipan. At the last Executive Committee meeting of the YD Veterans Association the Boston Chapter extended an invitation to the Association to hold their Annual Convention in Boston and the Chapter to put in on. Since then a ban on all Conventions has been announced by the Government and the following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Board of Governors of the YD Club of Boston: In view of the conditions at the present time and the ban on Conventions by the Government it has become necessary to advise the National body that the YD Club of Boston is compelled to withdraw the invitation to the YD Veterans Association to hold the annual Convention in Boston in June, 1945. We will gladly extend the use of our quarters for any business meetings and assist in any manner we can.

The annual Preparatory meeting of the YD Club of Boston was held preceding the Monthly Smoker with the following Nominating Committee being elected: Frank A. Spooner, (104th Inf.); A. John Halfenstine, (101st F.A.); M. Joseph Kelleher, 101st Eng.); Ellis Alsen, (101st Signal); Leslie F. Perry, (101st Inf.); alternates Russell Morrill, (101st Signal); John F. Regan, (104th Inf.).

We have been fortunate to secure the services of Lieut. (SG) Charles McCue, U.S.N., for the Guest Speaker of our February Smoker. Lt. McCue is Judge Advocate of the 1st Naval District and has a wealth of stories and good facts for all Veterans and especially for anyone with a boy in the service.

Private Agar, A Co., 101st Inf., convalescent at the Lovell General Hosp. after being wounded with the Division near Metz was a visitor at the Club. He joined the 101st Inf. as a replacement from the 79th Div. in October, 1944.

Boston Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the Yankee Division Auxiliary was held at the YD Club on Wednesday evening, January 10, 1945.

The Annual election and installation of officers took place at this meeting and the following officers were installed to serve for the ensuing year.

Honorary President, Mother Buswell; President,

Hazel Murphy; S.V. Pres., Helen Kellen; J.V. Pres., Mildred Fuller; Recording Sec., Catherine Reimer; Treas., Nonie Nugent; Assist. Treas., Amelia Pinterits; Corres. Sec., Lillian Kellen; Chaplain, Annie Travis; Guard, Mae Cadogan.

Orchids go to Mrs. Alicia Fleming for her splendid job in sewing for the Soldiers' Home and Hospital at Chelsea, Mass.

She has been offered the use of the Michael Perkins Legion Headquarters for the sewing meetings held practically every day and also many of the ladies of the Michael Perkins Legion Auxiliary have offered their services and sewing is in full swing, and to date 150 robes have been finished and delivered to the Soldiers' Home through the kindness of Mr. Fleming.

Mrs. Fleming would like to have more YD Auxiliary ladies at the sewing fest, so if any of you ladies like to sew contact Mrs. Alicia Fleming.

— Lillian Kellen,
Publicity.

CONCORD
"Minute-Man" Chapter
Commander: Clifford L. Day
23 Surry Rd., Arlington
Secretary: Clyde A. Booker
39 York Street, Lexington

Jan. 11, 1945, 8.45 P. M., New YD Dugout, Bedford, 14 members present coming from Bedford, Concord, West Concord, Lexington and Bridgewater.

Commander Day is still in John Adams Hospital in Chelsea so V.C. Snee took over. V.C. Rex Morgan, Chaplin Emil Svenningsen and Secretary Booker were only officers present.

Business of meeting was gone through in short order. Vote was taken and passed to go back to second Tuesday of the month for our meeting night as more members have shown on that night than on Thursday.

About this time Ned Maguire of Lexington sneaked in. That is more than about 40 others did. A little late but there.

A letter was read by the secretary from the Commander and he can't say enough good things about John Adams Hospital.

Other members sick are Michael J. Dee, Harold Clapp, and John Connair. Drop them a card.

New member, Victor Marzec, Co. A, 101st Infantry. Vic works at Bedford Hospital and he makes about the seventh member from there now.

Machine Gun Mooney was very conspicuous by his absence but perhaps the change of meeting night will make him happy.

Good of the YD came up and I guess it was all for this chapter. Tony Iasi has given us the use of a room in the "Dugout" and it will be used on meeting nights. It is also up to us to decorate it. A committee was appointed to take care of this—Snee, Maguire, Crafts and Gage. It has been decided we need a large YD insigna behind the Commander's chair, Minute-Man Chapter V.A., 1917-1918 and on the other side 1941-19?? for the new YD if they are taken in; around the walls all outfits connected with the division and there insigna, also a large picture of General Edwards.

Some of the boys have a lot of work ahead of them and any one who is handy with a brush get in touch with Edward Maguire, Lexington.

Meeting was adjourned at 9.45 P. M. and the boys went for the feed bag and ammo and then we found out what a lot of Generals we had in the old YD but they are just coming to the front now.

Next meeting February 13, second Tuesday of the month; back to old meeting night, and expect to see more than 14 at it.

And don't forget "DOOS" are "DUE" before April 1st.

Have you paid for your Xmas Cards yet ? ? ?

— Sully, Bedford Gendarme.

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DANVERS

Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton, Wed., Jan. 17, thirty members and five guests attending; we had our usual social hour which we now call the YD flame thrower hour. The flame thrower being presided over by our good Comrade Frank Marchant formerly of B Batt., 101st F.A. and boy is it good after it is all gone you can see some of the boys squeezing the orange and lemons left in the five gallon crock. Harold Williams still does the serving. We had a fine chicken supper and then our old friend and hon. member, Frank Cook, showed us movies taken by Clarke Gable while on bombing trips over Germany and they sure were good; he got some fine shots of actual fighting by the 8th Air Force. Then we had a few sport pictures.

The Chapter voted to send a resolution to be acted on at the next Nat. Convention to be held in Boston, advocating the admittance of the new YD to membership in our organization. It was brought out that members of the new YD are writing home asking for information on how they can join the old YD, and the members feel that we should include them in our organization, especially now they have covered themselves with glory and have upheld the reputation of the old YD. The members also think that every chapter in the U. S. should bring this matter up before the rank and file at their meetings and get the sentiment of the buck privates of the YD and let our Nat. Officers know just how strong the sentiment is for the new YD boys and not leave it to a few to decide at the Nat. Convention. After all the expression of the members who do not or cannot attend Nat. Conventions should be taken into consideration, so if every chapter sends in a resolution the same as Danvers Chapter there is no doubt that the new YD will soon become part of us.

It was also voted to send a letter of congratulation and pride to the Commanding Officer of the new YD in service abroad for the fine job the YD boys are doing over there. Here is another thing all the Chapters should do. Let us show these boys we are proud of them, so go to it, swamp the Commander with letters expressing your pride in the new YD.

Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Wed., Feb. 28. In the meantime Chapters of the YD think over what we have done and act accordingly for the best interests of YD. Swamp Nat. Hdqts. with letters so that by the time the Nat. Convention rolls around our leaders will know just what we, the rank and file of the YD, would like regarding the new YD.

— Charles W. Davis,
Secretary.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bernard W. Brown
Townsend, Mass.
Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The annual banquet and installation of officers of the Fitchburg, Y.D.V.A., was held Saturday evening, Jan. 13, 1945, in the Elks Hall, Fitchburg.

An excellent repast of baked ham, vegetables, potatoes, etc., was served at 7 P. M. Guests at the head table were Nat. Comdr. John W. Dunlap, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Gene Dugas, State Comdr. Emil Thibault, Mayor Mathias Lapierre of Leominster, Mayor (and comrade) Alfred Woollacott of Fitchburg, Col. Walter L. Beaman of Gardner, and Maj. John W. Burke, an honorary member of Fitchburg Chapter.

After everyone had satisfied the inner man with food and liquids, short talks were given by Mayors Woolacott and Lapierre, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Dugas, State Commander Thibault and last but not least Nat. Comdr. John Dunlap, who stressed the fact that the war should be won first and then the future plans could be discussed.

P.C. Riendeau introduced the guests and later turned the meeting over to State Commander Thibault who proceeded with the installation of the officers. He was assisted by Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Gene Dugas. The state commander installed all officers with the exception of commander who was installed by Nat. Commander Dunlap.

Officers installed were: Commander, Bernard Brown; S. V. C., William King; J. V. C., Harry Linnell; Secretary, Russ Aldrich; Treasurer, Samuel

GREETINGS:—
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS
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MILTON'S MEN'S SHOP
UNION AT BALDWIN STREET
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Farrell; Chaplain, Daniel Moran; Trustees, J. Harold Crain, Wilfred Lamothe, George Callahan, Urban Riendeau and Charles Goguen.

After the installation a floor show was enjoyed by those present, consisting of jokes, a swell banjo player, a sleight of hand artist and a dancer (?). About 150 were present and enjoyed talking over the old times over a glass or two. Comrade Daniel Moran was chairman of the Banquet Committee and Comrade Alfred Provencial was chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Never mind how much ice cream "Sister" Thibault consumed; only the secretary knows and he won't tell because he beat me by one helping. A big cop from Gardner by the name of Johnson got one of mine.

— Russ Aldrich.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

I will bring you up to date on Haverhill Doings. Under the chairmanship of Sr. Vice Commander Crockett a very successful Turkey Raffle was held in November and the election of officers in December.

Preceded by a Chicken Pie Supper by Weigel of Lawrence, a joint installation of Chapter and Auxiliary was held in G.A.R. Hall on Jan. 6, 1945.

Mass. Dept. Comdr. Emile Thibeault with Charles Leger as his sergeant-at-arms, installed the following officers for 1945 of the chapter:

Wallace A. Burnham, commander; Norman N. Ripley, senior vice-commander; John J. Flanagan, junior vice-commander; Clyde H. Norton, secretary; Ernest A. Meteyer, treasurer; W. Perry Tarleton, chaplain; Merritt F. Garland, historian; Martin Galvin, sergeant-at-arms and Archie Poor, William H. Gordon and W. Perry Tarleton, trustees.

Nat. Comdr. John W. Dunlap and National Sergeant-at-Arms were also present.

Commander Dunlap spoke on the various phases of the Y.D. Other guests who spoke were State Representative Harvey Pothier, Alderman William J. O'Leary and James M. Costello.

Mrs. Corinne Lambert, president of Wilbur M. Commeau, Unit 4 Auxiliary, American Legion (also a member of YD Auxiliary), sang two selections. There was other entertainment of songs, reading and dances. Later the party went to the Dugout where the balance of the evening was spent in a typical YD fashion with good comradeship and good fellowship.

— Clyde H. Norton.

LYNN

Commander: Robert E. Newman
9 Dana St., East Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Things have been quiet on the North Shore due to blizzards with ice, snow, sleet and as a result meetings have been small other than smoker night.

Our Barrage publication is starting its fourth year under capable leadership of Ed Trudell as editor and Ray Doucette as business manager and treasurer. A new advertising manager has been appointed in the person of Harold Hanlon, a member and watch us go from now on. We appreciate all those who contributed during the year. If you don't get it, send us a buck and we will put you on the list.

Our local Veteran's Council is going strong; perfect harmony between V.F.W., two Legion posts and all the others and we are making local pols step on it for veterans deserving attention and we are going after permanent quarters from the city, like every other city in Massachusetts other than Lynn and Boston.

Through Lynn Chapter, Y.D.V.A. is in all Veterans' Laws in Massachusetts. Our Commander, Bob Newman, represents us on the council along with Rudy Heftye and Bob also represents us on committee from council on the Rehabilitation for Returning Veterans and he also takes care of our interests on Veterans Committee to Allied Union Council—a busy man this Bob.

— The Duke.

A. P. O.

Please excuse error in Membership Standing in last month's DOINGS — Lynn should be listed as 247 not 347.

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NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

Another scant attendance of members were on hand for the regular meeting held Jan. 9th, at Carpenter's Hall. It is a well known fact that a lot of the comrades are working on various shifts in defense plants but there are still quite a few who will not bestir themselves off their fannies to come down town and offer their opinions on this or that for the betterment of their chapter. It is also a well known fact that there may be one or two other reasons why there is such a meagre attendance recently. These reasons we hope to eliminate in the not too far distant future. So come on comrades, let's all pull together for a better attendance which is bound to make for a better chapter, furthermore let's be grown ups when it comes to an argument and forget it when the meeting is over. Arguments will make for a better understanding of our problems. So once more let's all pull together and keep in mind, "The command is forward."

The bond drawing books are going fairly well, but there is still plenty of room for improvement. The drawing will be held at the February meeting. Our newest member, Ralph Swift, is surely on the beam and has already disposed of thirteen books. Members who have received books through the mail and have not yet made their returns please do so at once.

Ralph Swift's sons and daughter are in there doing theirs for our country. Ralph Jr., is an electrician's mate first class in the Navy for 32 months. His twin sons, Richard and Robert, who both entered the Navy when only 17 years old were both in the French Invasion. His daughter is also a member of the Waves. May they all return safely to you in the not too far distant future. That is the prayer we all offer up for all our members sons and daughters in the service.

It was a sight for sore eyes to see and welcome back to our ranks our old pal and former officer in Battery D., Charlie Stanley. After being with all of us in 1917-18 and 19, Charlie once more entered active service over four years ago, as the Commander of our old Battery and worked himself up to Lieut.-Colonel. He was assigned overseas some two years ago. He was recently put on the inactive list in the army, but has returned to the active list in the chapter. At one of our recent meetings Charlie gave us a very interesting and instructive talk of his experiences.

He has been endorsed for the position of Veterans' Communication Officer to be established in the city. Of all the candidates mentioned for the position none of them are better fitted than our own Charlie. He would be just the man in the right place.

Once more it is time for our annual nomination and election of officers. This will take place at our February meeting with the installation ceremonies scheduled for the March meeting. Never was a time more opportune than the present that we get behind our officers for the year 1945 and 1946. Let's give them a good sendoff by paying up our dues at once.

The following notice appeared in the Arab (Ala.) News:

On next Wednesday evening, the Ladies' Aid will hold a rummage sale at the Methodist Church. Good chance to get rid of anything not worth keeping, but too good to be thrown away. Bring along your husband.

On a pin ball machine in a certain cafe:

"In case of an air raid, crawl under the machine — it's never been hit."

Man, very hoarse with a cold, not able to speak above a whisper, knocks at doctor's office at night and the doc's wife comes to the door.

"Is the doctor at home?"

Wife, also in whisper, "No, come in."

Father: "Your mother and I won't be home tonight, Johnny. Do you want to sleep alone or with nursie?"

Johnny (after some deliberation): "What would you do, Daddy?"

He asked for burning kisses,
She said in accents cruel —
"I may be a red-hot mama
But I ain't nobody's fuel."

So long.

— Bee Bee.

A P O

John W. McAuliffe, Co. C, 103rd Machine Gun Bn., was installed as Commander of Chapter 10, (Post-office employees), Disabled American Veterans on Sunday, January 21st at Boston, Mass.

A P O

In behalf of New Haven and Hartford chapters we demand a recount on that 347 members listed to the credit of Lynn Chapter. With P.C. Austin Appleby keeping score anything is liable to happen.

Murray Mack.

WORCESTER

Commander: Harold A. Nute
2 Preston St., (3), Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., (2), Worcester, Mass.

Since our last news event we have had another Turkey Social, this time it was held in the Italian-American Club in Shrewsbury, rather a bad night but we did manage to have a large delegation at the social. Net take for the club $140.

Plans have not been definitely settled as yet for our annual visit to the hospital. In years past it has been the first Sunday in February but due to the weather and road conditions the chairman (PC. Fred A. Jones) thought it best to wait a while to see where our Comrades are, now that they are transferred to other hospitals. Comrade Al Buskey has been spending his time going from one hospital to another for the past few months, but the last we heard he was home; if so good luck to you, Al.

We recently had an election here in which we elected a new sheriff, a good friend of the veterans, especially the YD. He has retained the former Deputy Master of the jail, and a PC of this chapter, Herbert S. Buss, of which we are most grateful. Possibly others of the staff have been retained, but we have not heard at the present time.

Henry Bolduc's son reported killed in action.

Jan. 5th, 1943, Priv. Richard Fish entered the army April, 1943 transferred to Co. I, 101st Inf. He is the son of H. Judd Fish of Co. C, 104th. Word was just received that he was slightly wounded in Luxembourg, Jan. 10.

— C. O. E.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: John J. Kelly, 47 Arlington Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 78 Mineral Spring Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

STATE MEETING

A meeting of the Department of Rhode Island was held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14, 1945, in the rooms of Kent County Chapter, Crompton, R. I., who were the hosts of the day. Considering the weather there was a very good turnout.

Membership in the three chapters is now 398. Kent County 27, Apremont 121 and Providence 250. At the present writing there are a number of the comrades on the sick list.

The nominating committee presented the following names for office for the coming year:

Department Commander, James Macallum, Apre-ment Chapter; Senior Vice-Commander, Carl Olsen, Kent County Chapter; Junior Vice-Commander, David Davidson, Providence Chapter; Treasurer, John Moran, Apremont Chapter; Secretary, Arnold E. Beech, Apremont Chapter; Chaplain, William E. Bergin, Kent County Chapter; Judge Advocate, Edwin Mara, Providence Chapter; Historian, Herbert Murray, Apremont Chapter; Trustees, George McLeod, Kent County Chapter; Joseph L. Bourget, Apremont Chapter; Michael Cransico, Providence Chapter.

A motion was made and seconded that the secretary cast one ballot for the nominated officers. So voted. The elected officers will be installed at the next department meeting to be held in April at the Providence Chapter rooms.

Commander Kelly gave a lengthy report on the Executive Committee meeting at Boston. The comrades were indeed sorry that due to the very bad weather National Commander Dunlap was unable to be with us, although he came very near coming because some one did not look out of the window while talking to him on the telephone.

Judge Advocate Edwin Mara was presented with a YD ring after appropriate remarks by Comrade Murray which was for his good work for all YD comrades. Comrade Mara responded with a short but appreciative speech thanking the comrades.

The department voted one (1) dollar to the special National Headquarters Fund and recommended that the chapters send the same.

After the meeting most of the comrades sat down to the usual swell supper that the ladies of Kent County always put on after each meeting, and then several reels of war pictures were shown.

Apremont beat Kent County at darts 6 to 4 with a mixed team for both sides.

— Arnold E. Beech,

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"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: James Macallum
42 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

It was great to see so many of the comrades turn out to our January meeting with the travelling so bad after the snow storm. It was one of the best attended meetings this season. Department Commander Kelly was present and gave a few remarks.

We were glad to see Past Commander Shabbott with us again. Al is back in civies after over two years in the navy.

The chapter would like to see a bowling league started among the different veteran organizations in Pawtucket and the chapter delegates have been instructed to bring the subject before the next meeting of the Veterans Council. If any of the comrades can bowl let us know about it, we may need you.

We have started our membership drive for the coming year with our usual method and are endeavoring at the same time to get some of the comrades who have not paid up this year to do so and help make a good finish before April.

— Jim Macallum.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: David A. Davidson
1040 Cranston St., Cranston 9, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Rd., Cranston 9, R. I.

As Murray and Mack scan over the newspaper reports there's every indication that we over-aged YD battleshhips are in for another year of patriotic duty as morale builders for our youngsters fighting this war of unconditional surrender. Quite true it is rumored that victory is just around the corner. How far it is from Victory Road to Peace Avenue is a question that none of us can answer in predicting the day when we will first set foot on that promised land. As fighting men of another war we know and realize that in-between those two points is still one of untold suffering, horror and misery. As in all wars many will return. Others will be called upon to pay the supreme sacrifice. While there is life, we of the old YD, have a duty to perform. The one consolation and joy for those serving Over There and Over Here is mail from home. Get that letter in the mail tonight as somewhere in this world of strife a homesick boy or gal is anxiously awaiting that letter from you.

To my subscriber, John R. Houlihan, whom I have sponsored I want you to know that all is well at home. Your wife had a swell Xmas tree and your kiddie received many gifts from Santa Claus. I'd like you to know that I received a letter from your old pal, Tony Di Luzio who is in the Navy. Your brother, Art, is still playing checkers with his draft board and his next move may be from civies into bell-bottom pants. From the old YD in Providence I send you the well wishes of the three musketeers from Olneyville, Joe Laffey, Ted Hird and Hugh "Baldy" Meehan. When you receive your copy of YANKEE DOINGS drop me a line and let us know what is cookin' Over There.

In getting down to YD business I am glad to announce that our Past Commander's Night held on Jan. 3rd was very successful. All P C's were present or accounted for. Due to illness William T. Mulcahey and Henry W. McCarthy were unable to attend. Those present were: P.C.s Lawrence Cook, Edwin M. Mara, Robert M. Murray, John J. Kelly and Michael Crescenzo. With P.N.C. C. Bird Keach still in YD harness it is nice to know that our P.C.s have a batting average of 1000. Congratulations were extended by all to Commander Davidson and his present staff for raising the membership to 250 which is the highest yet recorded. In memory of the late Past Commander, Raymond E. Taylor a full minute of silence was observed in remembrance of a swell buddy and a fine commander.

At the age of fifty-plus we weakened and called in the YD ladies to prepare the luncheon for 65 YD men. Mrs. Kittredge being used to cooking for one man figured that 2 pds. per YDer would be enough. Mrs. Whitman on the other end of the phone in figuring her artillery fire showed proof that 130 pds. of beans would blast the firemen out of the barn next door. As matters turned out the fire laddies did enjoy the snapperless snappers of the trapeze. All in all, ladies, they were delicious. The tender hot dogs were a change from the ends of rubber hose usually prepared by Dan Clifford. As for your home-made cakes Sgt. Al. Earle and "Parson" Vickery thought they were back in old C. Bty. To the Madames: Bernier, Davidson, Girvan, Murray, Kelly, Dunn, Kittredge, Whitman, Mack, Laffey, and Vickery we say thanks for your swell collation. At this writing we wish to advertise for a gal experienced in making chicken salad. Don't worry about Joe Laffey. Old "Red" done himself justice diving in and out of that jar marked "Red Kidney Beans."

The Xmas Party dance sponsored by the Chapter at the Narragansett Hotel for the boys in service went over the top. Tickets were sent to every camp in the vicinity of Rhode Island. Those attending en-

joyed a very pleasant evening, a swell floor show and music by Tommy Masso's orchestra. As usual, Mr. Daniel Clifford in frock-tails served the collation. To all who donated we extends our thanks. To Horace O. Thayer and P.C. Michael Crescenzo it was a job well done. The proceeds will be used to purchase YD playing cards. As soon as our order is filled the cards will be shipped to various hospitals. Thanks again for the nice turnout and cooperation received from all.

From "Parson" Vickery's Purple Heart row here's the casualty list for the past month. Charlie Hampel spent a tough Xmas in the Bronx hospital. P.C. Henry W. McCarthy is keeping the feathers down on his hospital bed. Let's hope, Henry, you are making progress. Ed. Quigley is still battling for better health. Earl "Baldy" Irons is slowly overcoming the handicap of losing his fingers. Lt. "Bill" Stang in charge of the civilian guard at Quonset Point is recuperating from a YD Amos and Andy operation. Irving Lee can now bend over and touch the floor. Be careful, Irving, you don't lose your hat. Mess Sgt. Ken Dennis of M.G.B. fame is taking his ration of sulpha drug in fighting off pneumonia. Jimmy Ellsmore has spent his fifth Xmas in bed. Thanks, Jim, for your swell letter and glad to hear you enjoy YANKEE DOINGS. Keep up courage, your chin high and let's hope you enjoy a couple of months down at Arnold's Neck this summer. If I run into any of the old boys from Battery C, 102nd F.A., I'll tell them to drop a line to the Veterans' Hospital, Rutland, Mass. Come on, you fellars, of old C, get on the ball. Best wishes to Mrs. Leo Bottari and glad to hear you are coming along. That's a break for old "Hair Tonic" who may win the kitty at our next meeting.

Rips from Betty Murray's nightshirt: Just received word from Ken Dennis that Col. Dwight T. Colley is recuperating from wounds in an English hospital. Col. Edward C. Forsythe has been awarded the Bronze Star. Edwin M. Mara has been appointed Chief Adjudicator of the V.A. in Providence. William A. McElroy died at Rutland, Mass., last month. Formerly a member of A. Bty., 103rd F.A. Major Norman D. MacLeod who was defeated for Governer has come back fighting in reorganizing his party for the next political campaign. Charlie Hart, of the old 101st Engrs. finished tops in C.S. for a position with the A.B.C. Board in R. I. Col. Davis G. Arnold, an old YDer of '17 is Director of the Vets. Admr. in R. I.

Apologies to Miles Baldwin, 104th. Amb. We really thought we were doing you a favor in introducing you as a member of that famous outfit, B. Bty., 103rd F.A. Are you related to our YD member down thar in Conn., by the name of Earl F. Baldwin. Thanks to Larry Cook and Rep. Harold W. Tucker for your donation to our R.F. Also congratulations "Pop" in being elected Deputy Leader of the House. "Zero" Hazelhurst brought in a new member, ex-Sgt. Charles O'Loughlin, M Co., 101st. Inf., who refused to put his age on the application blank. Joe MacLaughlin finally got around. As a pitcher he'd now make a good candidate on an old maid's soft ball club. Sponsor a kid for DOINGS and I'll give him the works.

To Gen. Barker, Col. Forsythe, Lt. Col. Malone, Lt. Col. Sherman, Major Mitchell, Col. Colley and Ray Donahue M.M.1/c and the other 40 YD men who sent us Christmas greetings we extend to you a million thanks. With fellars like you this old YD spirit will never die.

— Betty and Willie.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Fred V. Hirsch, 139 Foster St., New Haven (11), Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Alexander J. Flynn, 47 Dayton St., New Haven (15), Conn.

STATE MEETING

State meeting Jan. 14, 1945. Meeting called to order at 3.55 p. m. by Commander Hirsch with salute to colors. Opening prayer read by Comdr. Otis H. Culver. New Haven Chapter acted as hosts.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Roll call of officers—seven present. Roll call of chapters—five chapter commanders present and over 30 faithful in attendance with a severe storm raging outside. They came from Bridgeport, Bristol, Hartford and Wallingford—New Haven showed up swell.

Membership standing for department — 1120 to date. Report of treasurer: Flower fund, $129.77; general fund, $77.66 and a few chapters not as yet having paid their per cap tax.

Report of illness of comrades. Chaplain absent. P.N.C. Ben Bourn reporting for Chairman Harry Robertson and for Hartford Chapter on New Year's entertainment for boys in Newington, reports that 250 packs of cigarettes were distributed and a swell motion picture was presented and all enjoyed the show and the fine handling by Hartford and Harry. Many thanks due from the department for them. All who can save and bring a pack of cigarettes for your

buddie in Newington will be appreciated. Twenty-six cards signed by all 30 members present. Good cheer to those boys each month.

Report of by-laws and new constitution tabled until next month.

Report made by Commander Culver of New Haven Chapter of wheel chair for disabled comrade through the columns of N. H. Register Clairion with thanks to the editor, Frank Smith and many thanks to Comdr. Frank Bossidy of Wallingford for same. This comrade is a member of New Haven Chapter and of Co. K of Wallingford in last war.

Bills and Communications—Bill of $4.25 approved and paid. Communications read and filed.

Report of death of Comrade John Stokes' wife by Sam Marcus. We of the department extend to you John our deepest sympathy and to Comrade and Mrs. Anthony Panda of Bristol we extend our hope that they soon shall hear good reports of their missing son. May God's blessing be with him.

P.N.C. Ben Bourn reported that the next National Executive meeting shall be held at Danish Hall, Hartford, Conn. on Saturday, Feb. 3, 1945 at 3 p. m. sharp. Urged all to be present. Also extended to all an invitation to attend the annual banquet of Hartford Chapter to be held same place, same evening.

No unfinished business.

New business: Commander appointed the Nominating Committee for selecting and electing the new officers for the new year—1945-46. Past Dept. Comdr. Clyde Beckwith as chairman with all chapter commanders whose chapters are in good standing with department. Per cap tax paid—as follows they are: Carlos, Bridgeport; Bauer, Bristol; Mills, Groton-Stonington; Curtin, Hartford; Roys, Meriden; McCollum, Manchester; Culver, New Haven; Ruickerl, Stamford; Hewitt, Willimantic; Kolinsky, Middletown; Bossidy, Wallingford; Broadway, Norwalk.

Discussion of resignation of Vine Parmeille as National Judge Advocate. Motion made by Comrade Thompson, seconded by Comrade Dube that secretary write to National Secretary requesting a complete report of the last executive meeting held on Dec. 10, 1944. So voted; also motioned by above named comrades that National again be informed to get out notices in due time so all who are privileged to attend may do so—not that same are received one to two days past meeting. So voted.

Good of Y.D.V.A.—Comrade Marcus gives name of YD comrade for New Haven to go after. Well taken care of Sammy. Motion to accept Norwalk's invitation for next Department Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1945. So voted.

Comrades Dube and Commander Culver spoke on laxity of our National Secretary in correcting stencils. Still having names of many who have gone to the great beyond. How true.

Flower Fund collection $4.40. Guest with her father, member of New Haven Chapter, Pvt. Jane Cooper, U. S. Wacs; also her aunt of Norfolk, Va. The best of luck to all. Meeting called to adjournment with Salute to Colors and for a swell feed prepared by Comrades Dube, Carton, Bombiliski—and it was swell, boys.

So again until the next regular meeting of this department to be held at Eagles Hall, Mott avenue, Norwalk, Conn., we adjourn at 5 p. m. hoping you will be on hand to greet Past National Commander Herman and his YD Norwalkers on Sunday, Feb. 11, 1945. Meeting called at 3 p. m.

— Alex J. Flynn.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: George Carlos
160 Grove St., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel B. Zolo
1928 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

The first meeting of our chapter this year was well attended. Commander Carlos was well pleased with the work done by Comrade Phil Fray and his committee, who conducted the drawing. It was a swell job which brought in some finances to do a little work with in the future. Some of it has already been passed out to other organizations who are also doing work to help the boys in the hospitals.

Comrade Sam Marcus will be laid up for repairs for a while and we all hope it will not be for long and when he gets back from Rocky Hill he will be able to get on better than ever with his work—helping the veterans in need and those who need help of any kind. Sam is one on whom a veteran can always depend. So the best of luck Sam and we hope that the repair job is better than ever.

For next meeting plans are being made for Past Commanders' Night when we hope to see all the old-timers and a good time is promised by the committee in charge.

For once in a long time the Ladies' Auxiliary were few in numbers—that did not stop them from doing as much as ever. Eats there was as always when the meeting was over and as good as ever.

— Samuel B. Zolo.

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GROTON-STONINGTON

Commander, Ernest Mills
P. O. Box 292, Norwich, Conn.
Secretary: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.

This chapter has been holding regular monthly meetings regardless of the lack of news in DOINGS. We turned out on Nov. 11th and paraded in Westerly, both the chapter and auxiliary. Our past commander Earl Lyon was marshal of the veterans' division and we made a fine showing. The Auxiliary presented the chapter with a beautiful American parade flag at our last meeting and the honors were handled by Auxiliary President Mrs. Mills and our Chapter Chaplain Campbell. A gang from here went down to Kent County for their Xmas Party and a good time was had. Past Commander Al St. Germain has resigned from the Employment Service and is now down at the Lyme Glider Plant supervising the construction of gliders.

We had a chapter raffle and Junior Vice Wadsworth turned over a nice profit to Ernie Fowkes for our building fund. The Auxiliary puts on a swell feed at each meeting and the gang gets to-gether and puts on a social after the business is over.

Nuff Sed!

— Why-Dee.

HARTFORD

Commander: John J. Curtin
63a Webster St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel J. Rosen
83 Love Lane, Hartford, Conn.

The Hartford Chapter started the new year right by putting on a motion picture show at the Newington Veterans' Hospital, New Year's night. The feature picture, "Song of the Open Road," was shown with a short comedy and the boys at the Veterans' Hospital appreciated them very much. After the show a pack of cigarettes was given to every patient in the hospital. The cigarettes were distributed by Commander Curtin, Senior Vice-Commander Caravatt and Junior Vice-Commander Robertson. The entire affair was staged by Harry Robertson. The cigarettes were donated not only by the Hartford Chapter but also by the Bristol, Norwalk, Groton-Stonington, Stamford Chapters and also through collections taken up at State Department meetings. A total of 334 packs of cigarettes were given out.

YD men in Hartford continue to hold the spotlight in veterans' activities. The Hartford Veterans' Council, representing 17 Hartford Veterans' organizations, has just retired as its president, Police Sergeant Tom Carey and installed as its president, Martin Klingel and senior vice-president, John Goss — all YD men.

Commander Curtin has received four more letters from former members of our Junior Drum Corps now in the service. Those heard from this time are: Richard Julian, H. A. Merrmann, Donald F. Correll and Russell H. Correll. All are very thankful for the Christmas packages the chapter sent them. Commander Curtin read the letters at our last meeting and to say we were thrilled is putting it mild.

Received a card from Ed Hough telling me that he and Bill Gainey (Gainey of Auxiliary fame), are patients at Veterans' Hospital W-H.R.-334, Bay Pines, Florida. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to both of you. We trust we will see both of you back in Connecticut soon. Bill I don't like being a snitcher, but I must let you know the truth. You know that guy Bill Sullivan, the one that's a Deputy Chief in the Hartford Fire Department, well he ain't honest with you. He is making up to the Auxiliary behind your back, and I understand he is trying to take them over. I told him off, but you know what kind of a guy that Sullivan is.

To our comrade, Earl Murphy in the Netherlands, East Indies, thanks for that lovely Christmas card and we trust you will be back with us next Christmas.

Judging from reports coming in, it is evident that the new Yankee Division is following in the footsteps of its predecessor, in its accomplishments. The difficult we do immediately. The impossible takes a little longer. We knew you would do it. Good luck and God bless you.

— Samuel J. Rosen.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Otis H. Culver
181 Cove St., New Haven 13, Conn.
Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

Getting along for the end of January and have received a fine letter from the Crippled Children's Aid Society expressing their gratitude to Comrade Floyd R. Becker and his Children's Christmas Remembrance Committee. What a load of toys through Comrade George Bowen and New Haven Chapter's very good friend, Mr. Armand Sinard went over to Elm Street, plus a check for fifty dollars to purchase knitted caps, mittens and such. A fine job, you fellows on the committee.

A most enjoyable New Year's Eve Party was held in the Chapter Rooms, attended by many of our members and their wives and friends. An excellent col-

lation was served shortly aftermidnight and all departed in the wee sma' hours, voting that the House Committee had done its usual thorough job in promoting a highly entertaining evening to wind up 1944.

Each Sunday morning our hard working House Committee wend their way to the Ideal Printing Company, operated by our own A. R. (Tony) Teta, Regimental Bandmaster of the 102nd Infantry Band in France and of the same band with the 43rd Division, U. S. Army in this war, who has recently been discharged from the service and returned to our midst. We are grateful to Comrade Teta for his contribution to the war effort through us and, we are also grateful to our Honorary Member, Martin DeGennaro for his weekly contribution to the Paper Salvage Drive of our Chapter. Our Committee have gathered in more than 23,000 pounds of paper over the past few months and expect to raise this figure considerably after our newest appeal going out to our entire membership during the coming week.

Department Commander Fred V. Hirsch and the State Department were the guests of New Haven Chapter Sunday, January 14th. Just so it isn't forgotten, New Haven offered its quarters to the State Department for its monthly meetings when the World War II first started, and the invitation still stands. Glad to have the visiting brothers with us all the while. Hi Dube, acting as chef for the first time did himself proud on the range. One would think we were on an August picnic with his method of barbecueing the redoubtable "hot dog". Yum, Yum!

Still after new members and making progress all the while. Hope to double our membership if possible, and we believe it's possible. I'll be seein' ya!

— O. H. C.

MERIDEN
Commander: Clarence A. Roys
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Eben Dike
289 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.

Quite a meeting your Chapter held on that stormy Sunday, January 7. Only one present, and he voted unanimously to table all business and go home. (After a beer or two, of course.)

Buck Adams is now at his home, 9 Twiss St., Meriden, convalescing from an operation performed by Dr. Dave Smith, one of our Chapter members. In spite of the tough time he has had, Buck is pretty cheerful, making all kinds of plans for a bigger and better YD for 1945. He asked me to use this column to express his great pleasure on receiving the Xmas gift from his YD buddies. Why don't you call on him?

At the Newington Veterans' Facility, Henry Lamothe recently had a leg amputated. It had bothered him ever since 1918 when he suffered severe mustard gas burns and he was advised then that he might some day lose that leg. Well, Semran, Cummings and Roys went up to see him one night, two or three days after the amputation, feeling pretty sorry for Hen. Was he downhearted? Not Hen, the nurse couldn't find him in his room. Soon we located him, full of pep, free-wheeling around the floor in his wheel-chair having fun. Some guy, that Hen. You can't keep a good man down. You guys with 100 percent legs ought to drop in and see him.

I have recently had assurances from Meyer Schwolsky, manager of the Veterans' Hospital at Newington, that plenty of cigarettes will be available for the veterans there. Mr. Schwolsky said he had, through Brig.-Gen. Frank Hines, been successful in obtaining War Dept. priority ratings so that cigarettes could be obtained direct from the manufacturers.

— Clarence A. Roys.

MIDDLETOWN
General John H. Parker, D.S.C. Chapter
Commander: Joseph C. Kolinsky
Crystal Lake Rd., Middletown, Conn.
Secretary: Joseph Petruzeillo
R.F.D., Higganum, Conn.

The chapter held their meeting in the City Courtroom on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, with a very nice gathering of members present. Joseph Petruzeillo, Col. George F. Holmes and Vincent Kraeiski were elected to the newly formed Council of Veterans' Organizations, composed of nine veterans' organizations in the city. Joe Pettuzeillo since then has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Council.

Colonel Holmes was a guest of the writer coming all the way from Detroit, Mich., to take the obligation as Senior Vice-Commander of the Disabled American Veterans' Chapter and later spent a day renewing friendships in town.

The chapter made a donation to the Infantile Polio Drive, and during the holidays a visit was made to Newington where candy and smokes were distributed to the two hospitals.

Nomination of officers for 1945 will take place in February, when the nomination committee named by the commander will bring a slate, which will be voted upon at the last meeting in March. The nomination committee is as follows: Joseph Petruzeillo, William Burr, Vincent Kraeisk, and Fred Frederickson.

A collection of cigarettes was made at the meeting and 15 packages found their way into the duffle bag

for the next Newington visit. A number from here are planning to attend the annual banquet of the Hartford Chapter, but to date we have not heard from Hartford as to the date. Nothing to date has been heard as to the dates or place of the next National Convention and we do hope to hear soon.

The chapter has voted that recommendation be made to the National Department for citations to Joseph Petruzeillo for outstanding work for the chapter, and to Maj. William M. Citron, who has been an outstanding friend of the chapter, donating time and money in rehabilitation work as well as legal services when and where needed to the membership. A former congressman-at-large for two sessions in Washington, he has done a great deal for veterans' legislating, voting for every benefit bill for the disabled as well as the so-called Bonus bills. The next meeting will be held in City Courtroom, Municipal Building on Feb. 28th.

— Joseph C. Kolinsky.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"

Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

Eight of us gathered at the Jewel Steak House on the night of Jan. 15th for our monthly supper and meeting. Six members and two guests were present. Members were: Chapin, Dr. Morris, Murray, "Rocky", Major Preston and Vetter. The two guests were Lieut. Cornelius J. Sullivan and Captain Cournoyer. The captain served wit hthe 304th Motor Transport Company in the last war and is now serving in the chemical warfare service. His home is in East Jaffrey, N. H. He is well acquainted with Norman Torrey whose former home was East Jaffrey and who served with old "C" Battery, 101st F.A. in the last war.

Sullivan, whose home is at Newburyport, Mass., is a former member of the "new" YD (101st Inf.). He transferred to the Air Corps and is now attending school at Lowry Field.

Major Preston redeemed one of his election bets by bringing along a quart. His son, Pvt. Hertiel D. Preston of Denver, is serving with the 5th Armored Division in Belgium. The major served with H Co., 102nd Infantry in the last war and is now a major in the C.W.S. at Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Recently we contacted a couple of former YDers at Longmount, Colo., Capt. Bernard A. Faller and L. Burtis Adams. Faller is now publisher of the Times-Call of Longmount and is defense coordinator for that district. His son is serving in the Navy. Adams is a teacher in the local high school.

— Arthur G. Vetter.

NEW YORK

Commander: Fred D. Brown
607 Fifth Ave., New York City
Acting Secretary: Anthony F. Fanelle
626 East 35th St., Brooklyn 3, N. Y.

Our December meeting and Ladies' Night was in time to make the January issue, but the January meeting will be too late for the February copy; so this will be devoid of any meeting information.

Secretary Bert Lonergan, who has been in Suffolk Sanitorium at Holtsville, L. I., for the past six months, is showing steady improvement, and says his doctor has hopes of getting him out of there within the next several months. He has put on over 25 pounds, so we'll probably have to roll him home when discharged.

We want to record a correction of an item appear-

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ing under "Taps" in the December issue. Edward Evans, who died on July 2nd, was reported as failing to forward to Lonergan his signed application for membership in the New York Chapter, thus implying he had never been a member. Whoever sent that statement did not have the official sanction of the Chapter, for our records show that Edward Evans paid his dues on October 5, 1943 (when he joined) for the year ending April 1, 1944, and this has been confirmed to me by Secretary Lonergan. Comrade Evans was not a member for the current year, and the sad news of his demise was not received by the Chapter until some time after the funeral, as was reported by me to Boston, and it appeared under "Taps" in September DOINGS, which was the next issue.

It is with regret that I announce the passing away of Mrs. Elise Turgeon, the mother of our PC and PDC Ralph A. Turgeon. She died on December 20, at Salem, Mass., and was buried in the family plot at Salmon Falls, N. H., on December 23. Even though she had almost reached the age of 81, to lose a dear one is always hard, and I speak for all the members of the New York Chapter in expressing to Ralph our sincerest condolences, and am sure this will be the feeling of his host of friends in the YDVA.

By the time this is read by you, the new officers of the Chapter will have been elected, and they will be installed at our February meeting, the date of which will be determined at our January meeting, and due notice given by mail to all Chapter members. (It might be changed on this occasion from our regular fourth Tuesday, due to the Washington's birthday holiday, the eve of which might be more convenient to many). The Installation evening, of course, will be a big event, as usual.

Let's get behind the new officers, whoever they may be, and carry through with them for the good of YDVA. The regular attendance and efforts of each one of you is important, so do your part.

— Tony.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Until further notice all regular monthly meetings of the chapter will be held on the usual first Sunday of the month at the home of Post No. 2, American Legion, East 17th street and Chester avenue.

On Sunday, Jan. 7th, after a week of the most abominable weather that Cleveland has had since 1913, our first meeting at our new quarters was held. Despite a continued stiffening of resistance by the elements a goodly (and Godly) crowd were there.

Your commander conducted his usual spirited and snappy meeting and basic plans were made for a party to be held in February. More news about said party, will be given as plans progress.

On Thursday, Dec. 28, 1944, the Cleveland Press, published a lengthy news story (Thanks, Perk, my special news correspondent), titled: "Clevelanders in the Reborn YANKEE DIVISION," written by Corp. James R. McConkey, with the 26th Division, east of Nancy. With the write-up were pictures, names and addresses of 11 Clevelanders. I quote the opening paragraph:

"This division, known by the French for the job it did in the last war, today is right back where it was on Armistice Day."

Another excerpt: "These men know what their task is, and are doing it as efficiently as the men in the same division did in the last war. Then, it was the first complete American division to go into combat against the Germans, and it took part in six major campaigns, won six battle honors, and received 16 battle citations. The French called it the "Savior of Paris."

Ye secretary thinks the above was really sumpin', to have published in this city about a division of Yanks from way back east, and in a city where there are so many Vets of the old YD. More than that, is the spirit with which this article was written. When you read it, you cannot help but feel the pride that the reborn YD has in its heart for the deeds of the old. I firmly believe that they have the "Esprit de corps" of the old outfit, and will achieve the same undying glory. "Long Live the New YD."

I suggest that all members of the chapter, who missed the above, write to the Cleveland Press for a copy. The date, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1944.

— W. P. O'Connor.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Walter Rowe
1608 F. St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

The YD Club of Washington held its regular meeting at the Gold Chevron Club House of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 1319 K Street, N.W., on Wednesday, January 3rd. Considering that the meeting was so close to New Year's and that some of the boys hadn't yet recovered from their New Year's celebration, sixteen of the gang turned up in good shape with the exception of Boyer, who kept falling off his

chair. We didn't think it was any carry over but we are sure he is just getting too heavy. Those who were there are as follows: Kasparian, Caswell, Queenin, McManus, Jordan, Rowe, Golden, Small, Cleaveland, Boyer, Carson, Hutchins, Dodic, Norton, Moran and Bartram.

You will notice that the last two names have been absent for some time. Not because of their own wishes, however. Bartram just returned from the farm he has been working in Pennsylvania, looking as fit as a fiddle, and we hope he continues that way; and George Moran, just happened to be in town for the holidays before leaving for Florida on his assignment with the Department of Justice. George has been away for nine years and came into the meeting a little late while a long-winded discussion of the Yankee Division Veterans Association headquarters was taking place. Before the discussion ended George had to leave to catch a train, result he didn't get a chance to tell of his wide travels with Mary. George being a modest fellow would not break in even to say goodby.

The Washington Chapter is very much concerned over the apparent rift existing between certain officers in the National organization and Past Commander Forsyth, leading to Forsyth's suspension at the last Executive Committee meeting. A committee was appointed by Commander Rowe consisting of Queenin, Caswell, Bartram and Golden to prepare a resolution to be directed to the National Executive Committee for the purpose of seeking information relating to the differences now existing and requesting a rescinding of Forsyth's suspension. The resolution adopted and forwarded to the National Commander is as follows:

Whereas: Reports have come to the attention of this Chapter over a period of several months indicating a lack of harmony and good business methods at the National Headquarters of the Y.D.V.A. and

Whereas: It has been reported that this controversy has culminated in the summary suspension of a Past National Commander of the Association, without reference to any regulation prescribed by the National Executive Committee governing such action as required by Article VII, Section 6 of the National Constitution, therefore be it

Resolved: That the National Executive Committee be urged, in a spirit of YD fairplay, to rescind its action suspending the Past National Commander and that an impartial committee be appointed by the National Commander to make a thorough investigation of the charges and counter charges involved and to recommend such corrective measures as may be indicated, and be it further

Resolved: That the Commander of the Washington Chapter be furnished a copy of all regulations, giving dates of adoption, which have been prescribed by the National Executive Committee under Article VII, Section 6 of the National Constitution, and a copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the National Executive Committee at which the Past Commander was suspended.

Unanimously adopted by the Washington Chapter, Yankee Division Veterans Association in regular meeting assembled this 3rd day of January, 1945, in the city of Washington, D. C.

The Washington Chapter, the second oldest in the Yankee Division Association is a staunch believer in fair play. If our National organization is not functioning properly in the interest of YD then let's correct things and make them function as the "Old Man" would want us to. If things are going as they should there is no room within the organization for those who would foment disorder which might lead to a disintegration of our organization. But in the process of things we must all keep in mind that the Y.D.V.A. is not an organization to be run for the benefit of any individual, any group of individuals or any particular chapter regardless who they are or where they are located. The association is a banding together of all men from the old YD to be run in the interest of those who were privileged to serve in the Yankee Division in combat against the common enemy in France during 1917-18 and for their mutual benefit.

Y.D.V.A. means more to us here in Washington than any of our affiliations in other veteran organizations. This is simple and should be evident to any YD man wherever he may be. When you belong to a Chapter composed of YD men you are associated with buddies who went through hell and high water with you. You speak the same language, know the same people, shared the same discomforts, that your buddy in the Chapter did. There just isn't the same feeling in other veteran organizations. That is why we, here in Washington, feel so strongly that nothing should be done which might lead to a break-up of Y.D.V.A. or that any one person or persons is more important than the organization itself, regardless who he might be. We also feel that any member is entitled to express his feelings regarding the operation of our National organization and to offer constructive criticism if it is for the good of the whole. Let's be fair to ourselves and to the memory of our YD buddies who have passed beyond and "carry on" in the tradition of the "old man" and in the spirit that made YD so great in 1917-18. Let's grow up and act our age.

— Nathan D. Golden,
Secretary.

101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . Brig. Gen. William I. Rose (G Co.), former adjutant-general of Massachusetts, has returned home after nearly three years in the Southwest Pacific theater. He expects only a short leave and at present has no idea what his next assignment will be . . . He was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding services . . . After serving 25 years as a member of the Boston Police Dept., Al Morrissey (H Co.), has been pensioned . . . Al Sears (H Co.) and yours truly, witnessed the inaugural of Governor Tobin . . . Pres. Bucky Coffey (Supply) and his officers attended the reception tendered the Governor by the First Corps Cadets . . . Charlie Barter (H Co.), has organized a new quartet in the Post Office and from all reports they are good . . . Charlie's reputation as a baritone is well known . . . I want to thank you guys for some swell Xmas cards . . . Rumor has it that Al Sears will be our next Boxing Commissioner of Massachusetts . . . The Governor won't go wrong on that appointment.

Scotty Duncan (C Co.), Commander of the YD Post, A.L., is doing a swell job and is now planning a Past Commander's night . . . His legion of friends should show up at this affair . . . Charlie Miller (A Co.), makes many trips to Washington being active in several organizations . . . Maj. Mike Lannon (Med.), our congenial treasurer, took care of the boys in the hospitals at Xmas . . . Pres. Coffey used the day before Xmas to pay a visit to our comrades who are confined to their homes . . . To each one he left a well filled basket of fruit, etc. . . . He told me afterwards the reaction he received from these visits. He said it clearly indicated to him the good work that is being accomplished through the 101st Hospital Fund and promised to have very definite plans on how to help this fund along which he would reveal at the next regimental council meeting. Regret to announce the deaths of Jerry Donahue of the Boston Police Dept. and Bill Barry of Winthrop both members of the Mch. Gun Co. . . . Mark King (Hdgts.), has returned to the John Adams Hospital at Chelsea for further treatment . . . If your name is not on our mailing list please send it to me at 31 O'Callaghan Way, South Boston.

— Jim Powers.

★★★ TAPS ★★★

William A. Connelly, formerly of Co. C, 101st Engineers, died after a long, lingering illness at the John Adams Hospital, Chelsea Soldiers Home. He was a member of the YD Post No. 290, A. L. and the Boston Chapter, YDVA. Burial was from his former home in Newton and member of his company acted as pallbearers. Interment was at Lynn, Mass.

Christmas Day was a sad one for the membership of New Haven, Conn. Chapter by the passing of Lieut. Col. Charles Edwin Lockhart, one of the most active and popular and widely known of all veterans of our city and state. The colonel succumbed following an operation several days prior in the hospital of St. Raphael.

Born in Greenwich, Conn., he had served in the National Guard, State Guard and Governors Foot Guard in addition to his service in France in World War I as a lieutenant in Co. E, 102nd Infantry, U. S. Army. For conspicuous bravery at Seicheprey, April 20, 1918, he was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and Croix de Guerre. Our late comrade, Brig. Gen. John H. (Machine Gun) Parker in citing him said "He has given the finest example of platoon organization under fire I have seen in my 35 years of experience as a soldier."

The ritual of the Yankee Division, Veterans' Association, Inc., was read at the bier in the parlors of M. F. Walker & Son, by the Commander and Chaplain of New Haven Chapter, Y.D.V.A. Large delegations from the V.F.W. of which he was a Past

Dept. Commander, attended. The 2nd Company, Governors Foot Guard, of which he was formerly commanding officer, paid their respects as well as the 6th Battalion, Conn. State Guard of which Colonel Lockhart was commanding officer at his death. Interment took place in Greenwich, Conn.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Lockhart, and his son, Lieut. Thomas R. Lockhart, in civil life aviation commissioner of the state of Connecticut and at present serving with the Marine Corps in the Pacific.

Chester W. Lane, 46, a veteran of World War I, and father of three service men in this one, died at the Veterans' Hospital in White River Junction, where he had been a patient since Sept. 15.

He was a charter member of Brattleboro Post, No. 5, American Legion, and was serving as adjutant at the time of his death. He was commander from 1942 to 1943; county commander in 1943 and 1944; one of the organizers of the Brattleboro post and of the Drum and Bugle Corps and was drum major for a few years. He was a member of the YD Association, Protective Grange and of the Peace Officers' Association.

Peter F. Kerrigan, G Co., 101st Infantry, of McCarthy avenue, Cherry Valley, died at the Veterans' Hospital in Rutland. He was the son of the late Patrick and Mary (Lee) Kerrigan and a brother of Rev. Bernard A. Kerrigan, pastor of St. Peter's church in Great Barrington. He was a veteran of World War I and served 18 months overseas with the Yankee Division.

Joseph O'Brien, formerly of C Co., 101st Infantry, died at his home in Dedham, Mass., on Jan. 18, 1945. Burial was Jan. 22nd. He was a member of the Boston Chapter since the start of the association.

Cornelius Driscoll, formerly of Co. D, 101st Infantry, died on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1945. Burial was at Forest Hills Cemetery, Friday, Jan. 25, 1945.

George (Chick) R. Haggerty, formerly of C Co., 104th Infantry, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., Monday, Jan. 8, 1945. Burial was at Cambridge, Jan. 12.

William B. Boyden, formerly of B Co., 101st Field Signal Bn., died Jan. 12, 1945. He just retired from the Boston Police Dept. a month ago and was ill only a short time. Former member of Boston Chapter.

Jeremiah L. Donahue, formerly of the Machine Gun Co., 101st Infantry, died Jan. 6, 1945. He was a former member of the Boston Police Dept., and member of the Boston Chapter.

George A. Abbott of Andover, Mass., who was a sergeant in Battery F. (Lowell-Andover), 102nd F.A., throughout World War I, died on Dec. 20th after a long illness. He was 47 years of age. He had been in the employ of Phillips Academy for a number of years. He was a Mason and had been identified with the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The funeral was held at the South Church, Andover, and the burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. A delegation of former comrades attended the services. George Abbott was a quiet, friendly and faithful man of fine character. He will be warmly remembered by officers and comrades alike.

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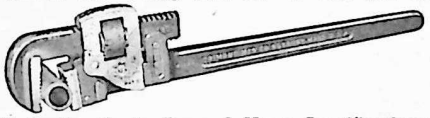

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